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In Re Application of: Manfred Trapp et al

Title: MULTI-PURPOSE VALVE

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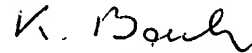
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been in the international Search report. They have all been marked "A" as relating only to background information with regard to the present application. The references do not disclose that, In an electrical multi-purpose valve for supplying secondary air into an exhaust system of an internal combustion engine, in which a power-actuated closing member controls a valve orifice in a passage between an inlet from an air supply line and an outlet to the exhaust system, a non-return valve is arranged downstream of the closing body in the direction of the flow of the air through the valve

between the non-return valve and the valve outlet, and baffle devices are provided which deflect exhaust gas entering the valve from the outlet at least once by an angle of about 90° .

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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